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## <u>IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE</u>

Applicants:

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METHOD, CHEMISTRY, AND APPARATUS FOR NOBLE METAL ELECTROPLATING ON A MICROELECTRONIC WORKPIECE

## REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

Seattle, Washington 98101 December 13, 2001

## TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

This is a request for continued examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application, in which prosecution is closed.

X 1. A submission as required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is submitted as follows:

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a. Please consider the Amendment/Response Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on October 11, 2001.

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b. A Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, as well as copies of the cited references, is being filed concurrently herewith.

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. The filing fee for the present request for continued examination is calculated below.

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a. No claims in excess of the number previously submitted are being added.

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- Check No. 134305 in the amount of \$740.00, as computed above, is enclosed 3. in payment of the required fees for filing the present request for continued examination.
- The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17, and 1.18 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 03-1740. This authorization also hereby includes a request for any extensions of time of the appropriate length required upon the filing of any reply during the entire prosecution of this application. A copy of this request is enclosed.

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